Patrick Connor left his marks, good and bad, on early Utah

Patrick Edward Connor, born in Ireland, begorrah, left his mark on Utah in more ways than one.

In his early years here, the Mormons hated him, and he them. But less than 10 years later, he offered to go Brigham Young's bail on one of the several federal court charges the Mormon leader faced at one time or another. His offer was not needed, but Connor made it.

The doughty Irishman, who founded Camp Douglas in October 1862, soon let it be known where he stood by calling Mormons "disloyal and traitorous to the core." It was a remark not exactly designed to win him the Master M Men award — a joke I make with tongue in cheek in my early Utah history class. The Mormons in the class generally laugh. The non-Mormons look blank.

And yet in 1870, when Brigham Young was en route from St. George to face a charge in federal court in Salt Lake City, Connor offered to go his bail if necessary. It wasn't. The offer arose when Brigham Young's party met Connor at Beaver, as Connor was headed for Salt Lake City from Pioche, Nev. Informed that Brigham desired to appear without advance notice and face the charge voluntarily. Connor said he would keep the secret and made the bail offer. By then, Connor was out of the Army, and it was apparent he had mellowed toward the Mormon leader. Mormon historian Orson F. Whitney, later a member of the Council of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, tells the story in his early histories.

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